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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Special Activities

SUBJECT: [] Message 0918, 9 December 1968

1. In subject message, AFIGO-S requests that his office and the Warner Robins SPO be made "info addressees" on all message traffic related to the U-2R flight test program, "including [] and camera test activity".

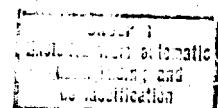
2. This office would be most agreeable to adopting this procedure if hard, tangible benefits could, in truth, be achieved through this "mutual awareness" approach. However, an example of the implications that might appear by pursuing this technique is as follows:

a. "Malfunction X" is disclosed at [] during a test flight. This next is reported to this Headquarters in a variety of ways: (1) telephone, (2) special subject message, (3) [] reports, or (4) via maintenance data message.

b. Corrective actions to "Malfunction X" are taken (1) by [] (2) by [] and LAC, (3) by [] and appropriate associate contractors, or (4) any combination of these participants.

c. The media of communications used for all the above is necessarily fitted to the program at hand. In addition, this Headquarters does not feel it necessary for itself to be involved in all the "nuts and bolts" of a field problem or to have message traffic generated if a phone call can suffice.

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d. Problems that affect the fleet or that present potential limitations, regardless of application or system, are placed before the Requirements Review Board (RRB), of which AFIGO-S and W/R SPO are active members.

e. It is an almost certainty that if AFIGO-S were an addressee on the above type of traffic, OSA would be kept busy round-the-clock answering "informal" queries on the status of this and that.

f. A separate problem could result by field activities inadvertently making [] and [] "info addressees" on purely Agency-oriented projects, such as [] etc.

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3. On the other hand, this office agrees wholeheartedly that copies of factual studies or analyses, such as are produced by associate contractors, be provided to AFIGO-S and W/R SPO. Any message traffic that falls in this same category could likewise be retransmitted to there other offices.

4. A suggested response to subject message is attached.

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Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Materiel, OSA

Attachment: a/s.

PRD/M/OSA []

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